

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH  
CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY  
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**MARCH 18, 2015**

**Council Chambers  
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

***REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.***

### **REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dedina called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK**

Councilmembers present:	Spriggs (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Bragg, Patton
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor Present:	Dedina
Mayor Pro Tem Present:	Bilbray (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Staff Present:	City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Hald, Captain French, Assistant City Manager Wade, Public Works Director Levien, Environmental Program Manager Helmer

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daisy Roman, Student of the Month, from Nicoloff School. Her Teacher is Meagan Ramirez.

### **AGENDA CHANGES**

Councilmember Bragg pulled Item No. 2.6 off the Consent Calendar for discussion later on the agenda.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Patton reported that the Taste of IB event was a huge success and the tickets were sold out.

Councilmember Bragg thanked the Port District for the new Pond 20 fence. She reported on her attendance at the MTS Executive Board meeting, SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting and the BID and Chamber of Commerce meetings. She attended the Little League Opening Day along with Mayor Dedina and Mayor Pro Tem Bilbray. She was a guest reader in two classes during the Oneonta School Read Across America Program. She thanked Port Commissioner Dan Malcom, Ron Powell, County Supervisor Greg Cox, and Mayor Mary Salas from Chula Vista for attending the Port Sponsored Symphony by the Sea event. She announced that April 9<sup>th</sup> is "Stand Up for Transportation Day" and an event will be hosted that day at the MTS offices. Lastly, she challenged her colleagues to get involved in a project for Community Service Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> and to volunteer on a Saturday at the Little League snack bar.

Councilmember Spriggs reported he was formally appointed as the Metro JPA Representative to the San Diego Independent Rate Oversight Committee and to the Metro JPA Finance Committee.

Mayor Dedina reported on his attendance at the California Coastal Commission. He and City Staff made a strong case for unused funds for lower cost visitor accommodations. He thanked City Staff who worked hard on the Symphony by the Sea event.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF**

City Manager Hall recognized staff for their efforts on the Symphony by the Sea event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Jim Mickelson, speaking on behalf of the BID and Chamber of Commerce, reported on the success of the Taste of IB event and the BID Wine Garden Fundraiser and he thanked elected officials for participating in the events.

Albert Knecht, of the Community Commission for Better Government, expressed concern about visual blight, noise coming from the dumping of dirt and the fill dirt sediment clogging the storm drain at the new shopping center site. He asked the City to take preventative measures regarding flooding of the surrounding neighborhoods.

John Haupt asked the City to enforce the ordinance that prohibits short term rentals fairly and without exception.

#### **PRESENTATIONS (1.1-1.3)**

##### **1.1 RECOGNITION OF IMPERIAL BEACH RESIDENT FOR SUCCESSFUL CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) SAVE. (0410-30)**

Engineer Paramedic Tyra Moe introduced Lori and Stephen Mahoney. She stated that because of Mrs. Mahoney's CPR efforts prior to paramedic's arrival, Mr. Mahoney is alive and resumed a normal quality of life without neurological effects. She stressed how CPR training and the Sidewalk CPR Program help save lives.

##### **1.2 PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH. (0230-40)**

Mayor Dedina presented a proclamation to Chris Helmer, Environmental Program Manager, in recognition of Environmental Awareness Month.

##### **1.3 PRESENTATION ON SOUTH COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S 5 YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISIONING PROJECT. (0140-45)**

Cindy Gomper-Graves, CEO for South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC), gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the SCEDC's 5 Year Economic Development Visioning Project. She commented on future key projects in the South County area.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.5 & 2.7)**

##### **MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THROUGH 2.5 AND 2.7. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### **2.1 MINUTES.**

Approved the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2015.

##### **2.2 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)**

Ratified the following registers: Accounts Payable Numbers 86215 through 86318 with a subtotal amount of \$1,596,195.97 and Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits 46448 through 46460 for a subtotal amount of \$140,195.14 for a total amount of \$1,736,391.11.

##### **2.3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7557 APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KEENAN & ASSOCIATES FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKER OF RECORD SERVICES AND**

**WAIVER OF THE FIVE (5) YEAR BID REQUIREMENT. (0520-60)**

Adopted resolution.

**2.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7558 INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF AN ENGINEER'S "REPORT" FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – AD-67M. (0345-10)**

Adopted resolution.

**2.5 RESOLUTION'S 2015-7561, SA-15-48 AND HA-15-17 APPROVING A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD TO PERFORM THE FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, THE IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND THE IMPERIAL BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY. (0310-95)**

Adopted resolutions.

**2.7 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7559 SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES MAXIMUM FEE INCREASE REQUESTED BY EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION (0270-40)**

Adopted resolution.

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING (3.1)**

**3.1 CONSIDERATION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1150 AMENDING CHANGES IMPERIAL BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.50 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION). (0770-95)**

Assistant City Manager Wade reported on the item.

In response to Councilmember Spriggs' question, Assistant City Manager Wade stated the only changes on the flood insurance map were in an area very close to the intersection of Georgia and Palm, and a small area by Bayside Elementary.

City Manager Hall stated this ordinance is part of the solution to Mr. Knecht's concerns (raised under Public Comments). The City is working on communitywide flood control issues along with the flood insurance rate map. The first step is adopting the ordinance to change the standards. The second part is specific development design to ensure that any development that occurs on a property has the storm water contained on-site.

City Clerk Hald read the title of "ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1150 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 15.50.010, 15.50.040 & 15.50.060 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS."

**MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY BILBRAY, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1150 BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FULL READING OF THE ORDINANCE WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 15.50 OF THE IMPERIAL BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION) BY ADDING SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND CALIFORNIA EMPOWERMENT STATUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Shannon Davis voiced concern regarding Pond 20 which is very close to the area that has been changed.

City Manager Hall stated Pond 20 is owned by the Port and is under the jurisdiction of the City of San Diego.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR 2.6)**

**2.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7560 DECLARING APRIL AS “ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH. (0230-40)**

Environmental Program Manager Chris Helmer reported on upcoming environmental awareness activities planned around the month of April to encourage community involvement.

Councilmember Bragg stated the Homefront Cleanup and Citywide Garage Sale have become events that the community has embraced. She thanked EDCO on the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle newsletter.

In response to City Council's concerns about informing the public about the new water conservation guidelines, Environmental Program Manager Helmer responded he has contacted CalAm about this issue and suggested having them at a future City Council meeting to discuss this issue.

Mayor Dedina stated it's important to identify ways to improve water management in the City.

**MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7560 DECLARING APRIL AS “ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (4.1)**

**4.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7556 OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA ADJUSTING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTCIP) FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. (0680-95)**

Mayor Dedina declared the public hearing open.

Councilmember Patton left the chambers at 7:10 and returned at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor ProTem Bilbray left the chambers at 7:12 and returned at 7:13 p.m.

Public Works Director Levien reported on the item.

Without dissention from City Council, Mayor Dedina declared the public hearing closed.

**MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7556 OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA ADJUSTING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTCIP) FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**REPORTS (5.1-5.4)**

**5.1 DEMONSTRATION ROUNDABOUT (9<sup>TH</sup> AND DONAX) STUDY REPORT. (0720-90)**

City Manager Hall gave a PowerPoint presentation on the findings of the roundabout study.

Agustin Rojas spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Albert Knecht spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Sybil Rogert spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Robert Fulton spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Chuck Quisenberry spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

LouAnn Nourse spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Erika Lowery spoke in opposition to the demonstration roundabout.

Brian Bilbray suggested putting "yield to those in the circle" on the signs. He also commented that auto emissions are the number one air pollutant.

Shannon Davis suggested giving the roundabout more time, addressing the issues of pedestrians and the disabled, and installing better signs. She was in favor of the roundabout because drivers have to slow down to enter it.

Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Clark stated the roundabout allows emergency vehicles to move through quickly and they are able clear traffic ahead of them. The issues that are happening now are temporary. He reported that there have not been any increased traffic issues or reduced response times.

Arnold Torma, from KOA Engineers, suggested ways of modifying the demonstration roundabout to address the concerns raised by the public speakers and he responded to questions from City Council.

Councilmember Spriggs stated that after so many weeks of operation without addressing public concerns, such as speeding through the circle, and such extensive public opposition, it would be unlikely that corrective measures at this stage would be sufficient to turn around public opinion. He also commented that while he had hoped the demonstration traffic circle would be successful, the public had clearly not been adequately informed about the environmental and other reasons for the project, which also makes continuation of the demonstration difficult to support.

Councilmember Bilbray stated that according to major university studies, this form of traffic calming is safest. He spoke in support of modifying the demonstration roundabout because it is a benefit to the community.

Councilmember Patton stated he was in favor of the roundabout.

Councilmember Bragg commented on the many issues that have arisen due to the demonstration roundabout and suggested going back immediately to a four-way stop.

Mayor Dedina stated he concurred with Councilmembers Bragg and Spriggs.

**MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO REMOVE THE TEMPORARY ROUNDABOUT ON 9<sup>TH</sup> AND DONAX AND REESTABLISH THE FOUR-WAY STOP IMMEDIATELY AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$500. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: BRAGG, SPRIGGS, DEDINA**  
**NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PATTON, BILBRAY**  
**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE**

**5.2 REPORT ON THE RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY. (0770-87)**

Environmental Program Manager Helmer reported on the item.

Melissa Valdovinos, Engineer from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, gave a report on the item. She spoke about their successes and the implementation of the IBWC Treaty Minute.

**5.3 DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE 1993 WESTATES FIRE ENGINE. (0380-45)**

Captain French reported on the item.

City Council discussed donating the fire engine to Mexico versus a fire science program within the region.

**MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO DONATE THE 1993 WESTATES FIRE ENGINE TO A FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM IN THE REGION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5.4 APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS. (0120-95)**

City Manager Hall reported on a process where City Council will be more involved in the initial selection of members of community boards before those names are brought forward to the Mayor. Council desired sensitive questions be made in a one on one interview with the Mayor, not in public. The Mayor would then present names to the Council for their advice and consent.

Councilmember Patton commented he was not in favor of public interviews.

Councilmember Spriggs commented that if there is twice the number of applicants than the number of positions, the Mayor should appoint a subcommittee. He also suggested that the members of the sub-committee be rotated so that the same members are not conducting the initial interviews.

**MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY PATTON, TO IMPLEMENT AN INTERVIEW PROCEDURE THAT INCLUDES AN OPEN INTERVIEW WITH CANDIDATES FOR COMMUNITY BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, WITH A PROCESS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WHEN A LARGE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES APPLY, AND INCLUSION OF A WRITTEN SUPPLEMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT SHOULD NOT BE PART OF A PUBLIC INTERVIEW. THE PROCEDURE ALSO INCLUDES ROTATING THE MEMBERS OF THE INITIAL INTERVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6)**

None.

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Dedina adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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Serge Dedina  
Mayor

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Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC  
City Clerk